Registry Office to accommodate the Magistrate's Court, though there may be sufficient space in the Magistrate's Court building to accommodate the Registrar's Office.

Secondly, as was pointed out, the Registrar is put in charge of the Treasury. Formerly, the Magistrate had to do a lot of camping work. It is stated now that as the touring work of the Magistrate has been reduced to a minimum, the Magistrate may be put in charge of the Treasury. A report was again called for from the District Magistrate and the District Magistrate is of opinion that if the Magistrate is put in charge of the treasury, it will seriously dislocate his work. Between these two positions there is no alternative but to put up a new building and the estimate of the Chief Engineer comes to Rs. 5000. The construction of a new building will have to wait till funds are available. The Diwan will also be inspecting the place. This matter is therefore engaging the attention of Government.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri)*.—Sir, in the light of what the Hon'ble the Secretary said that the Diwan will be pleased to have a look at the present Magistrate's Court building, I will not press it, because the moment a responsible Officer sees the condition of affairs there, that itself will be sufficient to find funds for spending upon the new building. If some such assurance can be had that the Diwan or the Secretary or some responsible officer of Government will come into the Magistrate's Court and have a look at it, I don't want to press it.

**Mr. President.**—That assurance has been given.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri)*.—Then I beg leave to withdraw the resolution.

*Resolution was, by leave, withdrawn.*

## 35. Anti-Indian and Anti-Malayalee Agitation in Ceylon.

**Mr. A. V. Moothedan** *(Chalakkudi)*.—*"This Council recommends to the Government that the Government of India be requested to take effective steps to stop the vigorous anti-Indian and anti-Malayalee agitation carried on in Ceylon"*.

Our Government cannot take any direct action in the matter. But it can make suitable representation to the

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Government of India and the Government of India may bring pressure on the Imperial Government so that conditions in Ceylon may be improved. I think much need not be said on the resolution. I was glad to read to day in "The Hindu" that a new Governor is appointed for Ceylon. That is Sir Andrew Caldecot. He is a man of sympathy for Indians. He was the Controller of Indian Labour in the F. M. S. I had occasion to know him and I have worked under him. Under his regime, I hope Indians will have better times is Ceylon.

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Pallippuram).*—I second it.

**Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar** *(Secretary to Government).*—Sir, I may state for the information of the House that necessary representations have already been made to the Government of India in this matter. I shall give a brief account of the representations made. There were 3 stages. The attention of this Government was first drawn to the agitation in Ceylon in a letter of the President of the "കൊച്ചി സംസ്ഥാനിക ലജിസ്ലേറ്റീവ് കൗൺസിലിക കോൺഗ്രസ്സ്" enclosing a leading article on this subject in the 'Sathianadam'. The letter of the President with its enclosure was forwarded to the Agent to the Governor-General, Madras States, for the information of the Government of India. The receipt of the letter was acknowledged. That is the first stage. Some time later, this Government received a letter from Mr. K. T. Mathew, an Hon'ble Member of this House, in which he referred to certain statements made in certain public meetings in Ceylon referring to an organised boycott of Malayalees in Ceylon. That letter was again forwarded to the Agent to the Governor-General for the information of the Government of India and this Government received a reply that it was forwarded to the Agent to the Government of India in Ceylon for enquiry and report. The third stage was when the Ceylon Immigration Commission was constituted. Representations were made that an officer of this Government might be deputed to advise the Malayalees in Ceylon to prepare and submit a memorandum on their behalf to the Commission. The matter was again placed before the Government of India. The Government of India have now told us that the cause of all Indians including Malayalees whether they be of Malabar, Cochin or Travancore will be pleaded by the Agent to the Government of India in Ceylon and the interests of the Malayalees of Cochin are not likely to be overlooked.

*Resolution was, by leave, withdrawn.*

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